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1. LONG STANDING DUTCH PIQUE OVER EXCLUSION OF EC FROM RAMBOUILLET TYPE SUMMITS HAS INCREASED AS A RESULT OF FRENCH OBSTRUCTIONISM. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE VISIBLY ANGRY AT FRENCH REFUSAL THUS FAR TO INCLUDE EC COMMISSION IN PERSON OF ROY JENKINS IN MAY 7-8 WESTERN SUMMIT IN LONDON. RESPONSIBLE PRESS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE ALSO SHOWING ANGER.

2. AFTER FAILURE OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON COMMISSION ATTENDANCE (REFTEL), DUTCH FONMIN VAN DER STEOL EXPRESSED "SURPRISE" AT FRENCH INTRANSIGENCE. VAN DER STOEL NOTED THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO BRUSSELS VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE US HAD NO OBJECTION TO COMMISSION INCLUSION, THAT NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS WHICH ARE SUBJECT OF CLOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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EC COORDINATION WILL BE DISCUSSED IN LONDON, AND THAT EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED LAST YEAR ON COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AT FUTURE RAMBOUILLETS.

3. MFA SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS MARCH 8 THAT THE NETHERANDS WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE AT EC SUMMIT IN ROME. COMMENTING ON A REPORTED REMARK BY FRENCH FONMIN DE

GUIRINGAUD THAT SUBJECT WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN ROME, SPOKESMAN SAID: "I CANNOT BELIEVE HE REALLY SQID THIS. IT IS NOT UP TO THE FRENCH TO DECIDE WHAT SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN ROME. THE ISSUE IS STILL OPEN". SPOKESMAN CHARACTERIZED VAN DER STOEL AS BEING ANNOYED WITH FRENCH ATTITUDE, AND SAID PRESENCE OF UK PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE NO CONSOLATION SINCE "HE WILL NOT HAVE A MANDATE FOR THE COMMUNITY".

4. DUTHC PRESS HAS TAKEN AN EVEN SHARPER TONE COMMENTING SARCASTICALLY ON FRENCH PRETENSIONS OF GRANDEUR HARKING BACK TO DE GAULLE. PRESS ALSO LAMENTS FRENCH DESIRE TO CREATE POWER DIRECTORATES AT EXPENSE OF SMALLER EC PARTNERS. QUESTION IS LIKELY TO BE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK. ONE MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT COLAITIO HAS COMMENTED THAT "DUTCH PARLIMENT CAN NO LONGER PUT UP WITH FRANCE MARSHALLING THE EC ONTO A SIDETRACK".

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